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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, January 21,  
1811, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson**

Richmond Jany. 21. 1811

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to return you your correspondence with the directors of the Rivanna company which I lately recd. from you. I had submitted it to the perusal of a few friends only, in confidence, and had determin'd for the present at least, not to publish it, from a fear that the publication might lead to some unpleasant discussion.

You will have seen by the news papers that, I have been plac'd in a situation of which I had no anticipation when I left home, nor indeed desire. I was induc'd to accede to it only, by the manifestation of a general sentiment among the republicans, that I should do so, and the hope that it may be useful in uniting the party men, clearly together for general purposes, and more especially for the support of the cause. I am aware that my present affairs will suffer by it, as the salary is insufficient, and I shall not be able to pay due attention to those at home. It is my intention to return immediately that the rising of the assembly, when I shall have the pleasure to se you. In the mean time I beg you to command me in all things in which I may be useful, being with great respect sincerely your friend & servant Jas. Monroe

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